

# Agency 95 - Rural Development Commission

## Statutory Authority:

Authority for the Nebraska Rural Development Commission is found in Sections 81-1282 through 81-1287.

## Vision Statement:

The Nebraska Rural Development Commission believes that every rural citizen, business, farmer, rancher and community should have the opportunity to grow, thrive and prosper. The Commission believes this should happen in an environment of sustainable community and economic development that contributes to enhanced opportunity, quality of life, and wealth creation throughout Nebraska's communities and society. The Commission agenda is organized to focus on the critical issues of the day that will make a difference in the ability of all rural citizens and communities to succeed.

## Mission Statement:

The mission and purpose of the Rural Development Commission, as outlined in state statute, shall be to advocate and recommend programs that encourage regional cooperation, foster community sustainability, and enhance economic development initiatives in rural Nebraska. The Commission fulfills its mission largely through initiatives that provide rural input into decision making, monitoring issues, facilitating challenges and championing solutions.

## Goals:

1. To provide up to date and comprehensive information to rural citizens on community and economic development initiatives and programs in Nebraska that may be adapted to their particular needs.
2. To improve rural/urban communication and relations.
3. To provide training and learning opportunities to commissioners to enhance their abilities as rural leaders.
4. To improve communications between rural Nebraska and state leaders and officials.
5. To continue to build the development network in Nebraska.
6. To continue the Commission's partnerships with other state agencies dedicated to improving Nebraska quality of life and build new partnerships with appropriate entities.
7. To serve as a field resource for rural Nebraskans providing them with information and technical assistance in their communities.
8. To continue to participate in the National Rural Development Partnership and ensure through our participation a voice in national rural development policy.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	333,326	333,326	344,330	333,326	358,602
Cash Fund	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Federal Fund	0	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	0	478,326	478,326	489,330	478,326	503,602

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## Program 134 - Rural Development Commission

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### Program Objectives:

As stated in the Commission's Agency Vision statement, the Commission believes that every rural citizen and community should have the opportunity to grow, thrive and prosper in an environment of sustainable community and economic development. An environment that contributes to enhanced opportunity, quality of life, and wealth creation. The Commission's purpose is to foster sustainable community and economic development initiatives that enable Nebraska citizens and communities to realize the goals of growth, prosperity, opportunity, and positive quality of life. The Commission will also identify challenges and opportunities that either detract from or enhance the development environment.

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### Performance Measures:

Description	FY98 Actual	FY99 Current	FY00 Request	FY01 Request
Increase Top 10/100 Nominations	140	160	175	190
Increase number of info campaigns	6	7	8	9
Generate awareness of RDC meetings	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve
School at the Center Initiative	Expand	Statewide	Sustain	Evaluate
New population growth -percentage	65%	66%	67%	68%
Improve rural incomes-percentage	1%	2%	3%	4%
Participants in regional networks	400	425	450	475
Increase Comm. Builders regions	8	9	10	11
Rural Institute participants	90	100	120	140
Community information visits	10%	15%	18%	20%
Prepare inventory of rural needs	Update	Revise	Update	Revise